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SENATE BILL 192 By
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AN ACT to authorize the collection of court costs for criminal and traffic offenses arising within the jurisdiction of the city of Watertown.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "City of Watertown Traffic Regulation Cost Act".

SECTION 2. It is the intent and purpose of this act to require and authorize the collection of a special court cost for each summons, warrant, citation, presentment or indictment which is filed and heard within the criminal court of Wilson County, Tennessee, the General Sessions Court of Wilson County, Tennessee, and/or the City Court of Watertown, Tennessee, and which involves conduct or events occurring within the city limits of Watertown, Tennessee, that lead to the filing of charges for a criminal and/or traffic offense, and which involves prosecution by a city officer.

SECTION 3. The special court cost authorized under this act is ten dollars (\$10.00) and shall be charged and collected over and above other authorized court costs by the clerk of the Criminal Court of Wilson County, Tennessee, the Clerk of the General Sessions Court of Wilson County, Tennessee, and the City Court of Watertown, Tennessee, as provided herein.

SECTION 4. Such court cost shall be collected by the clerks for all criminal and/or traffic violations which are prosecuted by city officers in Wilson County, Tennessee, and which involve

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offenses arising from conduct occurring within the city limits of Watertown, Tennessee, on and after the ratification of this act.

SECTION 5. The funds collected from this special court cost by the clerks shall be transferred to the City Recorder for the City of Watertown on a quarterly basis, and the City Recorder is authorized to establish a special fund to allow such moneys to be used by the City of Watertown, Tennessee, for traffic regulation and enforcement.

SECTION 6. All funds collected under the provisions of this act shall be used for the purpose of traffic regulation and enforcement within the jurisdiction of the City of Watertown, Tennessee.

SECTION 7. The provisions of this act shall in no manner repeal, modify or interfere with the requirements to collect court costs under any other public or private laws applicable to Wilson County and/or Watertown, Tennessee.

SECTION 8. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to that end the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.

SECTION 9. This act shall have no effect unless it is approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the governing body of the City of Watertown. Its approval or nonapproval shall be proclaimed by the presiding officer of the City of Watertown and certified to the secretary of state.

SECTION 10. For the purpose of approving or rejecting the provisions of this act, it shall be effective upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, it shall become effective upon being approved as provided in Section 9.